

Unlocking the Narrative: Reading Comprehension Frame

Learning objective: To analyse a text by identifying key themes, authorial intent, and character development using evidence-based reasoning.

Read the passage provided carefully. Use the questions below to structure your response, ensuring you use evidence from the text to support your ideas. Remember to write in full sentences.

As the golden sun dipped behind the ancient, gnarled oak tree, Leo the lion sat quietly by the riverbank, his quill poised over a tattered notebook as he searched for the perfect rhyme to describe the whispering wind.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in contrast · this suggests that · the author implies · evidently · on the other hand · the reader can infer

1. Identify two adjectives the author uses to describe the setting and explain how these words create a specific atmosphere for the reader. (2 marks)

2. What does the phrase 'poised over a tattered notebook' suggest about Leo's personality and his current activity? (2 marks)

3. Based on the text, what is the main goal Leo is trying to achieve? Support your answer with a direct reference to the passage. (3 marks)

4. How does the author use the imagery of the 'golden sun' to signal the transition of time in this narrative? (2 marks)

5. If you were to continue this story, what challenge might Leo encounter while trying to write his poetry? Use evidence from the passage to justify your prediction. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one of the questions above and write a follow-up paragraph explaining why the author chose this specific setting for Leo's creative process, rather than a busy, crowded location.